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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 1928

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, US, WA  
SUBJ: SWAPO DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK

REF: LIBREVILLE 1673 AND 1643

1. AFTER DELIVERY TO SWAPO VICE PRESIDENT MUYONGO OF CONTACT GROUP'S INVITATION TO NUJOMA TO HOLD TALKS IN NEW YORK (SEPTTEL), HE PHONED TO EXPRESS HIS DISPLEASURE OVER A REPORT HE HAD RECEIVED FROM SAM NUJOMA. HE SAID THAT NUJOMA HAD BEEN TOLD BY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN LIBREVILLE THAT MUYONGO HAD SUGGESTED TO ME THAT MEETINGS BETWEEN SWAPO AND THE CONTACT GROUP TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK. HIGHLY AGITATED, MUYONGO ASKED HOW THIS MISSTATEMENT COULD HAVE COME ABOUT. THE IDEA OF THE MEETING IN NEW YORK HAD BEEN RAISED BY ME IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM AND HIS CONTRIBUTION HAD BEEN TO SUGGEST THE POSSIBILITY THAT TWO SWAPO INTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES MIGHT BE INVITED. I CONFIRMED THAT THIS WAS MY UNDERSTANDING AND SAID THAT THE NEW YORK MEETING HAD ALL ALONG BEEN A  
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PROPOSAL OF CONTACT GROUP. MUYONGO SAID THAT AS FAR AS SWAPO IS CONCERNED IT IS POLITICALLY OF THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE THAT THE RECORD BE CLEAR THAT IT WAS NOT SWAPO WHICH REQUESTED THE MEETING WITH THE CONTACT GROUP.

2. HE SAID THAT IF THIS QUESTION WAS NOT CLEARED UP, SWAPO WOULD FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GO TO NEW YORK. I TOLD HIM I

WAS SURE THAT THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING IN  
LIBREVILLE AND THAT I WOULD ASK OUR EMBASSY THERE FOR  
CLARIFICATION.

3. IN REVIEWING OUR REPORTING ON CONTACTS WITH MUYONGO RE  
ZHE NEW YORK MEETING, IT APPEARS CLEAR FROM THEM THAT I WAS THE  
ONE WHO INITIATED THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW YORK MEETING AND HE  
WAS THE ONE WHO WAS RESPONDING. THERE IS NOTHING IN  
LIBREVILLE'S REPORTING (REFTELS) INDICATING THAT AMBASSADOR  
STEIGMAN TOLD NUJOMA THAT MUYONGO HAD SUGGESTED THE MEETING.

FOR LIBREVILLE: PLEASE CLARIFY ON AN URGENT BASIS HOW  
NUJOMA'S MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHO PROPOSED THE SWAPO MEETING  
IN NEW YORK COULD HAVE COME ABOUT.

FOR DEPARTMENT AND USUN: AT THE MOMENT MUYONGO IS MORE  
INTERESTED IN GETTING AN EXPLANATION OF WHAT HAPPENED IN  
LIBREVILLE TO CAUSE NUJOMA'S MISUNDERSTANDING THAN IN A  
PUBLIC STATEMENT INDICATING THAT THE IDEA OF A NEW YORK  
MEETING ORIGINATED WITH THE CONTACT GROUP. HOWEVER, A PUBLIC  
STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT AT SOME POINT MAY BE NECESSARY TO  
UNRUFFLE FEATHERS.  
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